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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: RM-11348

Dear Chairman Martin:

The National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA) is the largest Latino law enforcement association in the United States. It is an advocacy group that is actively involved in virtually every aspect of the judicial system, including legislative advocacy for the needs and interests of its members. The specific goal of the NLPOA is to expand the representation of the Hispanic law enforcement community at the federal, state, county and local levels of the criminal justice system. However, like all organizations representing law enforcement professionals, the safety of its members and their ability to perform their jobs effectively and efficiently is of primary importance. Communications is and will remain a critical ingredient in meeting those objectives.

For this reason, the NLPOA has reviewed with great interest the Petition filed by Cyren Call Communications Corporation ("Cyren Call") that proposes an additional allocation of prime spectrum for public safety use. The NLPOA has actively supported the principles called for by the Cyren Call proposal and believe that innovative proposals such as this one be given an opportunity for full consideration. Even though we understand that this proposal raises certain public policy issues, it is our belief that the public interest would be better served by setting aside an adequate amount of spectrum that will meet our urgent interoperability needs.

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The NLPOA urges the Federal Communications Commission and Congress to allow a debate on the Cyren Call proposal so that all government and public safety entities, individuals, and companies have an opportunity to weigh in on this matter. Frankly, the public/private partnership proposed by Cyren Call is the first viable proposal we have seen for getting public safety an advanced broadband network built to its specifications without depleting our always limited funding for such activities. Assuming the record supports Commission action along the lines proposed by Cyren Call as the NLPOA fully expects it will, the FCC should advise Congress of that finding so it can make the necessary legislative changes needed.

Police officers can't operate safely and effectively without access to reliable, robust communications. It is concerning to see that the public safety community does not have access to a national broadband network with capacity to meet all of our public safety needs. It appears they could if the proposal made by Cyren Call was adopted. The NLPOA urges the FCC and all parts of our government to work in concert to make the best possible tools available for use by the nation's first responders who risk their lives each day in service to the communities they protect.

Sincerely,

Roy Maring

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